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**From:** shawna56@ct.metrocast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2013 10:16 PM  
**To:** INSTestimony

Insurance and Real Estate Committee,

I am writing concerning Bill HB 6656: once again you are punishing the wrong demographic. Why is it my responsibility to carry insurance for someone who illegally enters my home to commit a criminal offense, because I choose to protect myself and my family? So your best bet is to punish the law abiding citizen and give me the financial responsibility for the criminal. Where is the logic behind that, the criminal has more rights than I do!

This is just another one of your "feel good knee-jerk" reactions to what happened at the Sandy Hook school. If I were a parent or a town's person from the Newton I would be disgusted with the legislators for using this event for their own agenda's.

This bill would or will not have any effect on what has happened or what might happen in the future. It will only affect the tax payers who are already struggling in this state due to your lack of legislation to rein in the budget, hey I have an idea, how about you take out insurance to cover the out of control spending that is sending residents fleeing the state?

I would like to believe that we have the best and the brightest representing the constituents of our great state, unfortunately when you write these kinds of bills you prove to me otherwise.

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**From:** Tom Vanty <TVanty@foremostrehab.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2013 9:59 PM  
**To:** INSTestimony  
**Subject:** Oppose HB 6656

**Importance:** High

Dear committee member,

I am writing to voice my opposition to proposed bill HB 6656 which would require all firearm owners in Connecticut to purchase liability and self defense insurance or face criminal charges. This proposed law does NOTHING to prevent criminal acts with a firearm. In addition, insurance companies do not even offer this type of coverage. Please answer the following question. "Will criminals purchase gun insurance?"

Proposed Bill 6656 would place the legal ownership of a firearm in the hands of a private insurance company. If the insurance company denies coverage to a law abiding gun owner, they would face criminal charges if they did not dispose of their firearms. This Bill could make owning a gun cost prohibitive for many people – including our senior citizens in these tough economic times. I therefore respectfully ask you to support law abiding Connecticut gun owners and Oppose HB 6656.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Vanty - Berlin